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1. minesweeping operations were underway; they extended from about 500 meters from the piers at the entrance to Swinoujscie (Swinemuende), to Gross- south of route 53, at a distance of about two to three nautical miles from the coast. seven or eight minesweepers were observed small buoys had been laid out along the coast and south of route 53.

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2. there were about 20 minesweepers at the destroyer dock in Swinoujscie. Among these were many completely new ones

3. four naval vessels were observed conducting exercises in smoke screen laying near Greifswalder Oie. the smoke screen did not remain down on the water, but dispersed. The smoke apparently originated from drums which were set up on the after deck. The nationality of the ships was not observed. In addition, minesweeping operations were conducted along the coast by the same vessels.

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5. Everything was quiet in Szczecin (Stettin). The coal orders were, however, somewhat delayed.

6. Raising operations of a wreck are under way outside of Swinoujscie. A wrecked warship is said to have been raised recently and brought into Szczecin where it is said to have been cut into scrap.

7. There were six or seven Finnish steamers and motor ships, 400 to 2,000 tons, in Szczecin which are said to have been chartered by the Russians.

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8. The following naval vessels were observed at Swinoujscie (Swinemuende)

a. At Chorzelin (Osternothafen): about 12 motor torpedo boats painted blue.

b. At the wharf: four minesweepers, single stack. Of these one was an old German coal burner.

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